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Chairman/ED Report for MAY 25, 1995

1. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call.

MIKE: Call on Margit to take roll.

2. Public Comments.

MIKE: This is the time for public comments. Please limit your comments to three minutes or less and remember that the Commission cannot debate or act on any item which is not on the agenda.

NOTE: Douglas Wheeler, Secretary for Resources, will be at the meeting to say a few words to the Commission regarding the Commission's adoption of the Plan. He was at the first meeting, greeting the Commission's and supporting them in their task. His office provided staffing for the Commission until its staff was hired, over six months.

NOTE: Leslie Lew, with the Corps of Engineers, wants to make a very brief presentation about the restoration of Prospect Island (Solano County) as wetland habitat with a fisheries component. She will ask that the Commission agendize as possible letter of support for the project at its next meeting.

3. Adoption of Minutes of April 27, 1995.

MIKE: Call for a MOTION and a SECOND.

NOTE: Please state the maker and seconder's names aloud, then call for a VOICE VOTE.

4. Chairman's Report.

MIKE:

Next Meeting: The Commission's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 22, 1995. At that meeting, tentatively scheduled is a presentation by Lester Snow, the new director of the CAL-FED program, and consideration of the Commission's work program and budget for FY 1995-1996.

Upcoming Delta Events:

* June 16-18-Isleton Crawdad Festival.

5. Attorney General's Report.

MIKE: Rick Frank was called out of town; there is no Attorney General's report.

6. Executive Director's Report.

MIKE: Call on Margit.

MARGIT:

In the Mailing Packet:

1. Corrected Roster; already another change: AG's address is 1300 I Street, Suite 1101
2. List of Subcommittee Members.
3. Copy of Application for DU/DPC Grant Program.
4. Three letters: South Delta Water Agency, The Rose Foundation, and WaterReuse.

Meetings I have Attended on Behalf of the Commission:

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* Spoke to the Walnut Grove Rotary about the Plan.

* Levees Committee: trying to get GP 14 reissued by the Corps; still working on it.

* San Joaquin County COG Habitat Conservation Planning process.

* Attended all day workshop sponsored by the Coast Guard with marine patrols; excellent turn out.

Budget:

* Senator Kopp's Senate Budget Subcommittee held a hearing on the Commission's proposed budget on May 10.

* Hearing on ELPF funds held this morning; your funds were approved as requested.

* Nothing in the Governor's May revise affects the Commission's proposed budget.

Status of the Plan:

Reprinting: Chairman McCarty has provided assistance in the layout of the Plan itself and obtained some wonderful photographs from local photographer Rich Turner to use on the cover. DWR staff is assisting with cover design and report layout; expect printed copies within the next three weeks.

Status of the Contracts with Teale and UCB/CEDR:

Contracts have been signed by DPC; the Teale contract is ready for signature.

Reminder re: Expenses:

For Fiscal Year 94-95, that is July 1, 1994 to June 30, 1995; If you file for reimbursement of expenses, remember we need to receive actual expenses by JUNE 9. Also, you must estimate your June expenses and submit them to Debby at the same time.

Regional Board Consideration of Biosolids and Septage in Central Valley:

For your information, the CV RWQCB will be considering two matters at its meeting in Fresno tomorrow: 1. General Waste Discharge Requirements for Reuse of Biosolids and Septage on Agricultural, Forest and Reclamation Sites, and 2. a Waiver of Discharge Requirements for the Reuse of Exceptional Quality Treatment Biosolids as Fertilizer and Soil Amendment.

State Water Board:

1. New Inland Surface Waters Plan and Enclosed Bays and Estuaries Plan.

The State Water Resources Control Board has announced the start of a 36 month process to develop and adopt these two new plans. The Board has set up 8 advisory committees, including one on permit issues and one on agricultural waters.

2. New Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary.

This new plan was adopted this week and is part of the implementation of the December 15, State-Federal accord.

Central Valley Project Improvement Act incentive funds:

US Fish and Wildlife Service is developing a grant program of two million dollars a year to provide incentives to flood fields for wildlife habitat. This

program is to carry out the Central Valley Habitat Joint Venture Plan. Ducks Unlimited and your staff have sent letters asked for clarification that the Delta lands will be eligible for this program. USFW staff have ensured that Delta lands will be eligible for this program.

Delta Reprint from Stockton Record.

Obtained copies for the Commission.

Legislative Update:

The Commission asked to be kept apprised of a couple of pieces of legislation.

SB 900(Costa) is a bond act to be voted on in 1996, to pay for implementing the CAL FED plan; passed Senate Commission on Ag and Water; not yet heard by Appropriations.

AB 122/ACA 12 (Rainey) to revamp the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund; passed by Transportation Committee; heard by Appropriations Committee and placed in "suspense file."

7. Pending Permits Memo.

MIKE: Turn over to Margit.

MARGIT: This is the current pending projects memo. If there are any questions or comments, I would be glad to answer them.

8. Briefing on Vessel Pump-Outs.

MIKE: Turn over to Margit.

MARGIT: Commissioner Curry has reported to the Commission on several different occasions about a program to educate boaters about use of pump-outs and a grant program to help pay for installation of new pump-outs. I am pleased to introduce Joan Patton of the San Francisco Estuary Program staff; SFEP has been retained by the Department of Boating and Waterways to develop the education component.

MIKE: See if Bill Curry wants to speak first.

PAT: After the speakers conclude, ask for Commission questions and comments. Ask if any questions or comments from the public.

NO ACTION.

9. Proposed Agreement for Recreation.

MIKE: Turn over to Margit.

MARGIT: At the Commission's last meeting, the proposed recreation study was reviewed. The Commission expressed its interest in pursuing the study, subject to creation of an oversight committee and refinement of the work program, timeline, and budget.

The Subcommittee was set up and met with Commissioner Nottoli as Chair.

The Subcommittee made suggestions for modification of the work program and the timeline, which have been incorporated into the attached material prepared by Parks and Rec staff.

The Department of Boating and Waterways has agreed to provide an additional \$50,000 toward the study.

I am still discussing possible additional funding sources to make up to last portion of funds needed; DWR has indicated no need to participate; CAL FED, formerly BDOC, is considering the proposal.

(40,000)

I would like to answer questions from the Commission.

Regarding Commission action, I propose the Commission authorize staff to prepare an agreement between the Commission and the Department of Parks and Recreation for the Chairman's signature.

MIKE: Ask Don Nottoli if he has further comments as Chair of the Subcommittee.

MIKE: Ask if there are any public comments.

MIKE: After public comments, bring the matter back to the Commission for discussion.

(NOTE: Needs a MOTION, a SECOND and a VOICE VOTE. Motion should be to authorize staff to prepare an inter-agency agreement with Department of Parks and Recreation to proceed with the study).

10. Discuss and Possible Adopt a Commission Position Against Release of Waters from the San Luis Drain into the Delta.

At the last meeting, Commissioner Torlakson asked that the San Luis Drain issue be agendized. He has suggested that the Commission adopt a resolution against release of agricultural drain waters from the San Luis Drain into the Delta.

I was unable to do research on this matter due to the time constraints of the mailing, so I obtained for your information: 1) a copy of the SHORT timeline from the Bureau of Reclamation which is 17 pages long and covers 1937 to 1990; and 2) a copy of a memo prepared by Contra Costa County. On pages 3,4 and 5, the memo outlines the alternatives outlined in the 1991 Draft EIR; this states that the direct Delta disposal was eliminated as an alternative due the environmental consequences.

The last item in the packet is a copy of a draft resolution which recommends no discharge into the Delta.

Rick Frank reviewed this draft resolution this week, and he suggested changing the last sentence to passive voice so it doesn't appear that the Commission is attempting to direct Congress. In addition, there has been a question raised about the Commission's authority to adopt such a resolution. Rick Frank has addressed this in an informal opinion and has determined that YES, the Commission can adopt a resolution if it so desires. (MIKE: see attached copy of Rick's letter.)

MIKE: Call on Tom Torlakson.

Open for public comments.

Bring matter back to Commission for discussion and possible action. If Commission decides to adopt; need MOTION, with AMENDED LANGUAGE IN LAST PARAGRAPH; needs SECOND; and voice vote. If close, ask for show of hands.

Commissioner Comments.

MIKE: Ask if any Commissioner has an announcement or comment.

11. Adjourn.

MIKE: State "the meeting is adjourned".